

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: Finch Lake is a shallow lake in a thick forest of lodgepole pine. All the campsites are located at the northwest end of the lake. The group site is located 30 yards northwest of the privy. A wooden sign on the trail marks the path to the sites which are marked with a metal arrowhead. The group site is designated with a "G" on the arrowhead. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Number of Sites: 2 individual; 1 group

Distance: 4.6 mi. from Finch Lake TH
5.3 miles from the Wild Basin TH.

Privy: YES

Elevation: 9,912 ft.

Estimated Travel Time: 3½ to 4 hrs.

Elevation Change: 1,442 ft.

Water Source: Water available from Cony Creek and Finch Lake. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead: Take CO Hwy. 7 south from Estes Park, past the turnoff to the Longs Peak Ranger Station. Take the marked turnoff to the Wild Basin Ranger Station, and turn again just beyond the Wild Basin Lodge. Drive to the sign reading "Finch Lake TH", and take the trail beginning there to hike in via the Finch Lake Trail. To start from the Wild Basin Ranger Station, drive ¼ mi. further to the end of the road and start at the TH there.

